

A WONDERFUL  
RELATION  
Of a Strange  
APPEARANCE  
OF THE  
DEVIL;  
IN THE  
Shape of a Lion,

To a Popish Novice, not far from Redborn  
in Hertfordshire.

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1 Pet. ch. 5. v. 8.

*Sobrii estote, vigilante: nam adversarius ille vester Diabolus, ut Leo rugiens,  
obambulat quarens quem absorbeat.*

Plinius. --- *Est natura hominum Novitatis avida.*

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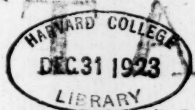
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Kind Reader,

**O**UR Age doth so swarm with Lebells of Lies, and Pamphlets of Falshoods, and Fictions of mens Brains, that it is become a thing next to an impossibility for ought that is strange and miraculous, (although truth) to find entertainment among men, or to get any room in their Credit or belief. Yet when those things that are only Fictions and Lyes are thoroughly sifted, and narrowly looked into, they prove to be void of Verity, and wanting Truth to uphold them, they fall to the ground, and are soon set at naught: whereas, when things that are not onely strange but true, are searched out, they prove real and unfeigned; and when through dislosed, they are better entertained, and more freely received than before: so that 'tis the issue of things that proveth whether they are worthy of reception or not, and not the fairnes of their Face, or the plausibleness of the Words they are presented in. These things being premised, I subject the following Relation into the

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hands of the diligent Inquirer into things to prove, and try it, to see whether it be truth or not.

Onely note, that it hath been concealed now for some time, by reason (at least partly) of the failure of those from whom the publication hereof was expected: now at length, our expectations being frustrated, we now do undertake to give a brief account of a wonderful Transaction.

The Relation take as followeth.

**O**NE Mr. Michael Beynon, Brother to a Person of the same name in Redborne in the County of Hertford, having purposed and fully determined to take his Journey into the Country to place himself in a Knights house (who was, as I am informed, a Roman Catholick) there to be a Tutor to the said Knights Children, he being a Scholar. And in the prosecution of this his said purpose and intent, he had accomplished one dayes journey, and had taken an Inn for his residence that night, being the seventh day of December.

At which very juncture of time came into the same Inn a Servant of the afore-mentioned Knight; Now when they had taken knowledge each of other,

other, and the aforeſaid *Michael Beynon* had acquainted him with his Deſign, the Servant doth intreat his ſtayance until his return, ( himſelf being engaged in a farther Journey ) that ſo he might accompany him to his Maſter's houſe ; This Propoſition being conſented to, they parted each with other. Then the ſaid *Michael Beynon* betook himſelf to his Bed, and did enjoy good reſt and quietneſs in ſleep until about two of the Clock in the morning ; at which time, ( being awake ) he caſt up his eyes on the wall, where appeared to his view a very bright and ſhining light darting it ſelf up and down, to and fro upon the wall, at which ſight he aroſe immediately out of his Bed with great fear, and went to his accuſtomed Prayers ( which he called the *Rofary* ) to the *Virgin Mary*, and all the Saints, and his earneſtneſs was ſuch, that he reiterated his Prayer, and ſaid the *Rofary* over and over. After which he went to bed again, and took quiet reſt until morning. The next day he told the People of the Houſe, that he would not have them expect him, nor think it ſtrange if he came not down to them the next day until Evening, or while the Sun was ſet, for he purpoſed to give himſelf up to Prayer and Faſting : becauſe  
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he thought he had seen an Angel, to confirm him in his Principle, (*viz.* in Popery, for that was his Principle.) But for the first Night thus much.

Now when the next Evening came (which was the close of the eighth day of *December*;) he went to Bed again, and took quiet rest as before, until three or four of the clock in the morning; then he felt an heaviness upon his Breast, and saw the Light upon the Wall, but notwithstanding, being heavy with sleep, he turned himself from the Light, and purposed not to mind it, but immediately he thought something with a small blow smote him on the shoulder, and heard a low Voice say to him *SLEEP NOT*. Upon that he sat up in his bed, and saw an Appearance, as it had been of a little Child, very beautiful, at his Beds feet, and being much astonished, he arose to Prayer, and prayed as before: and after his Prayer was ended, the Appearance being vanished, he went to bed, as before: and when the morning came, he kept the day very strict in Fasting and Prayer, as before-minded, and after the Sun was Set, he went down and eat and drank for the refreshment of his Body.

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And when the next Night came, he betook himself to bed again, as in the two former Nights, he took good rest until towards morning, then felt something lye very heavy upon his feet; now thinking it had been some part of his wearing Clothes, he lift up his feet, and immediately heard something (as it were) grabble down behind his Beds-head, but looking, found nothing, but was again surprized with the Light upon the Wall, which strook him with such an amazement, that he could get nothing on save his Breeches, and so upon his Knees by the Beds-side he went to Prayer with his Beads in his hand, and was very earnest, and said four parts of five of his Prayer again; then there appeared unto him a great *LION*, and a Chain about him, and Appearances like *DOGS* surrounding of him, and he thought they would have sucked his Breath from him, and pressed so hard upon him, that he durst not arise off his knees, but drew back upon his Knees: But now at this time, when he was so sorely pressed upon, and had no relief from his Prayers, his heart failed him, and he cried out to *Jesus Christ* for Help and Deliverance, so that after a little time he had that Confidence, that he told the *LION* (the *DEVIL*) that  
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he should have no power over him, neither should he stay until day-light; He further told him, if he had any thing to do with any Sinner, let him do it, for *Jesus Christ* had pardoned his Sins. He continued praying two hours, insomuch that the Neighbours and the People of the House heard, and brought up a Light, but they could not perceive the Appearances. Thus he continued until morning, then the Appearances left him, according to his expectation. After his deliverance out of the paw of this *Lion*, he burn'd his Pardons and his Beads; and at his return he burn'd a Book, much esteemed by him before, which is affirmed that he himself brought from *Rome*, and entirely renounc'd the Communion of the *Whore of Babylon*.

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